Summary/Action Minutes

I. Health Care Services Agency Update: Alameda Health System

Attachment

Colleen Chawla, Director, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency and Rebecca Gebhart, Finance Director, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Alameda Health System Update.

The Health Care Services Agency has engaged Toyon Consultants and their priorities include validation of revenue miscalculation and psychiatric shortfalls.

Related Systemic Improvement Projects

1) Housing subsidy pool – The Health Care Services Agency allocated $1 million dollars for ongoing rental support to allow discharge of long-stay AHS patients. As of the end of May, $381,500 has been spent.

2) Recuperative care options for medically complex clients. The Health Care Services Agency goals are to increase community care options for medically complex and homeless individuals and improve system of care.

The improvements will reduce administrative days for hard to place patients and improve patient flow.

Purpose:

☑ Report progress
☐ Advocacy or Education
☐ Request Health Committee Recommendation or Position
☐ Other:

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

II. Street Medicine

Attachment

Colleen Chawla, Director, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency and Dr. Kathleen Clanon, Director, Alameda County Care Connect and Medical Director, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency presented a PowerPoint presentation on Street Medicine and Outreach Proposal.

Street Medicine Services provide access to health care that meets the unique needs of people sleeping on the streets.
The Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) program directly provides Street Health, street psychiatry and substance use recovery services to unsheltered homeless persons in the Oakland area, linking many people to the Trust Health Center. Through contracts with HCH, Roots Community Health Center and Tri-City Health Center partnering with Abode Services.

Goals of the program include improve access for medical and substance use, improve coordination and improve outreach activity.

Currently, street medicine operates in Downtown, East and West Oakland, Hayward, Castro Valley, Fremont, and Livermore. Next steps of the program include to implement initial expansion for a countywide outreach plan.

Speakers

Dr. Noha Aboelata, Chief Executive Officer, Roots Community Health Center, thanked the Board of Supervisors for taking this approach to assisting this vulnerable, marginalized population, and adding clinician time to the program.

Dr. Tony Jackson, Association of Black Psychologists, stated that he appreciated the dialogue on homelessness at today’s meeting. On August 13th a film called Tent City will be shown at the Grand Lake Theater and encouraged everyone to come and see the film, which he believes captures what is going on today.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Rose, NAMI, Alameda County South, stated that NAMI had a contract with Alameda Health System with their Mentor on Discharge program and the contract ended on June 30, 2019 and was not renewed.

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